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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest US intelligence reports reveal that China has stepped up the shipments of special steel guidance systems and technical expertise to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken up this matter with China; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTENAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) The CIA`s unclassified report to the US congress in August 2000 states that `Chinese entities provided increased assistance to Pakistan`s ballistic missile programme during the second half of 1999` and that `Pakistan continued to acquire nuclear-related and dual-use equipment and materials from various sources`. A report by the Monterrey Institute of International Studies states that `The recent US intelligence reports suggest that despite Chinese pledged to the contrary, it has continued to provide Pakistan with specialty steels, guidance systems and technical expertise in the latter`s effort to develop long-range ballistic missiles`.

These revelations are not new to us; they confirm the validity of Government`s own assessments.

(c)& (d) Government has consistently highlighted, including in bilateral discussions with the People`s republic of China, the adverse effect on India`s security from continuing nuclear and missile proliferation in Pakistan despite the existence of various export control regimes and declarations of restraint by supplier countries.